Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

## I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Jenny Lowry from First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, and Aaron Hankins were present. James Lienhoop was absent.
- D. Ryan Brand moved to accept the minutes from the September 4, 2012 City Council meeting. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of six (6) to zero (0).
- E. Mayor Brown took the opportunity to recognize her summer intern, Anton Hopkins, with a special proclamation.

## II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 30, 2012, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2012." Luann Welmer, Clerk Treasurer, presented this Ordinance. She indicated the State implemented new requirements for Public Employee's Retirement Fund (PERF) reporting making it necessary to pay the funds every pay period instead of quarterly. Tim Shuffett made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 31, 2012, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013." Jeff Logston, Director of Operations and Finance, presented this Ordinance by providing Council with a revised version of the Salary Ordinance which was originally discussed at the Council meeting on September 4, 2012. Jeff stated, per Council's request, the entry level amount for Board of Works members was removed. Jeff indicated other changes included an increase of Battalion Chiefs to four (4) positions and removal of Master Mechanic, along with clerical error corrections. Brief discussion followed. Tim Shuffett made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance to reflect the changes as presented. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay. Tim Shuffett moved to pass the second reading and adopt the amended Ordinance. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Nay vote was Aaron Hankins.

C. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 32, 2012, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2013." Jeff Logston presented this Ordinance. He explained the Elected Officials Salary Ordinance reflects a three percent (3%) cost of living adjustment (COLA), per the Council's request. Discussion followed. Frank Jerome made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the Ordinance as presented. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Aaron Hankins voted nay.

## III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Public Hearing and Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2012, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING RESOLUTION No. 17, 2012, THE DECLARATION OF A CERTAIN AREA PROPOSED TO BE WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND QUALIFYING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, IMPROVEMENTS AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT." (Woodland Associates, LLC). Mary Ferdon, Community Development Director, along with Mike McIver and James Browning, with Browning Investments, presented this Resolution. Mary indicated Woodland Associates, LLC requested Council's approval to confirm this property as an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA). This Resolution is contingent upon the rezoning from Agriculture Preferred to Industrial Heavy and upon property annexation being approved. Mary stated the Columbus Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation for both rezoning and annexation. Tim Shuffett made a motion to approve the Resolution. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2012, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A DESIGNATED PROPOSED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Woodland Associates, LLC). Mary Ferdon, along with Mike McIver and Jamie Browning, with Browning Investments, presented this request for tax abatement. Woodland Associates, LLC requested tax abatement for real and personal property in conjunction with the construction of a new facility located at 6105 S 300 W and installation of new manufacturing equipment, with an estimated value of \$16,050,000.00. As a result of this new construction, the Phoenix Group plans to hire 50 full-time employees. Tim Shuffett indicated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the Council meeting and found the Phoenix Group to be in substantial compliance. Discussion followed. Tim Shuffett moved to approve the Resolution. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 21, 2012, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPOINT A FIRE CHIEF/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PURSUANT TO I.C. 36-8-4-6(c)." Jeff Logston presented this Resolution. He explained the purpose of this Resolution is to waive the statutory provision requiring five (5) years of continuous service with the Columbus Fire Department and to allow Mayor Brown to appoint Dave Allmon as Fire Chief. Discussion followed. Dascal Bunch moved to approve the Resolution. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Frank Miller and Tim Shuffett abstained from voting.
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 22, 2012, RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A SPECIFIC PROPERTY WITH

CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZING ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS SAID CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS." (REMC, Inc. site). Heather Pope, Redevelopment Director, along with Trena Carter of ARa, presented this Resolution. Heather indicated there are three (3) structures located at 801 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (formerly REMC, Inc.) that were damaged in the 2008 flood. Trena explained the City of Columbus is an entitlement community. which means every year there is an annual allocation that the city plans for and expends from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She stated these funds are from the disaster recovery appropriation for clearance or demolition projects and the first step is to declare the property as an area in need of redevelopment. Trena stated the application is due September 28, 2012. Ninety percent (90%) of the cost would come from the grant and a ten percent (10%) match is owed by the City. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$126,000.00, making the city portion \$12,600.00. Councilman Frank Miller suggested moving the maintenance building (one of the three structures) to a new location since it was not damaged in the flood. Councilman Aaron Hankins questioned why this property is considered a blighted area. Trena indicated once the buildings are removed, the area would be reclassified. Discussion followed. Frank Jerome made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of four (4) in favor and two (2) against. Frank Miller and Aaron Hankins voted nay.

- E. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 23, 2012, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE DISASTER RECOVERY APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS." (REMC, Inc. site). Heather Pope and Trena Carter presented this Resolution. Trena stated this Resolution is an approval by the Council authorizing the Mayor to submit and sign the application for matching funds, as well as committing the \$12,600.00 from the Redevelopment Commission budget for ten percent (10%) of the total project cost. Ryan Brand moved to adopt the Resolution. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of four (4) to two (2). Nay votes were Frank Miller and Aaron Hankins.
- F. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_, 2012, AMENDED FROM ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2012 (ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2011) 2012 SALARY ORDINANCE." Jeff Logston presented this Ordinance by distributing a revised amended 2012 Salary Ordinance. Jeff indicated a new Aviation Director was hired to replace Rod Blasdel whose resignation will take effect on December 31, 2012. This additional manager position will be for the remainder of 2012 as a transition period for training the new director. Additionally, Jeff indicated the number of Battalion Chiefs was corrected in this Ordinance to reflect a total of four (4) and the Master Mechanic position removed. Discussion followed. Tim Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading and place this Ordinance in proper channels. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- G. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_, 2012, AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2013." Jeff Logston displayed a power point presentation recapping the city's budget process and briefly explained the highlights of this budget. Additional capital expenditure needs have been added to the 2013 proposed budget and a revised Fire Department budget, transferring money from personal services to other services. Discussion followed. Aaron Hankins made several comments why he is against voting for this budget. Mayor Brown opened the public hearing on the 2013 city budget. Discussion followed. Mayor Brown closed the public hearing. Tim Shuffett moved to pass the first reading of this Ordinance as presented and place in

proper channels. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

## **IV.** Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports None.
- B. Discussion Item: Comprehensive Smoking Ordinance. Many members of the audience spoke for and against a more comprehensive smoke free air ordinance.
- C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in City Hall.
- D. Tim Shuffett moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed by a unanimous vote of six (6) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
Attest:		